

## House Republican Press Release

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### **Rep. Scribner Delivers State Permit for Flagpole Installation**



BROOKFIELD - State Representative David A. Scribner (R-107th, Brookfield) announced that the state Department of Transportation has issued a permit to allow the Town of Brookfield, on behalf of the Brookfield Garden Club, to install a flagpole within a triangular island at the intersection of state Routes 25 and

133 in Brookfield's historic center. "It is a thrilling conclusion for a very worthy project for our community. It's been a long, long road," said Scribner.

The Garden Club in Brookfield first approached Rep. Scribner over two years ago seeking his assistance to install a flagpole on a small triangular island in the middle of a busy intersection in the historic center of Brookfield, which the Garden Club maintains each season with plantings.

"The Brookfield Garden Club has a rich history of lending their time, energy, creativity, and talent to beautify and enhance our community in a variety of ways," said Scribner. "With that in mind, I was very willing to assist them in their project, in what, on the surface seemed to be a simple request. I advised it would potentially be a more complex and challenging request to achieve. It has been."

The five-way intersection that the 20-foot, state owned triangle sits within is a major traffic location with a complicated traffic light configuration. Two churches, a public and a parochial school, a firehouse, and the Brookfield Historical Society building surround it. There were the obvious road safety concerns to overcome. Rep. Scribner brought in experts from D.O.T. and the state Traffic Safety Commission to evaluate the sight several times.

Concerns were also raised about the close proximity to the myriad of utility wires. That required an evaluation by Northeast Utilities and federal O.S.H.A. officials. Finally, Rep. Scribner hosted a meeting in his Hartford office for representation of the Garden Club to meet with D.O.T. Commissioner Stephen Korta and D.O.T.'s chief engineers. Locally, the Board of Selectmen, Zoning Commission, and Historic District Commission were all consulted and asked for support.

"The project is worthy of the support it has gained from local and state officials as well as the community at large," said Scribner. "I applaud the members of the Garden Club for

their continued efforts to produce meaningful, symbolic, and beautiful projects that significantly enhance our community. This is a victory for Brookfield."

The Garden Club has raised thousands of dollars necessary to complete the project. It is their hope to dedicate the flagpole in November.

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